

**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier**

February 19, 2014

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An act to add and repeal Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3090) of Division 2 of, and to repeal Chapter 7 (commencing with former Section 3100) of Division 2 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1077, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Vehicles: vehicle-miles-traveled charges.

Existing law establishes the Department of Motor Vehicles and provides for its general powers and duties, including, among other things, the registration of vehicles, the licensing of drivers, and the regulation of vehicles generally.

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to develop and implement, by July 1, 2015, a pilot program designed to assess specified issues related to implementing a vehicle-miles-traveled fee in California. The bill would also require the department to prepare and submit a specified report of its findings to the policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature no later than June 30, 2016. The bill would provide that these provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2018.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3090) is
- 2 added to Division 2 of the Vehicle Code, to read:

## 1 CHAPTER 7. VEHICLE-MILES-TRAVELED FEE PILOT PROGRAM

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3 3090. (a) The department shall develop and implement, by  
4 July 1, 2015, a pilot program designed to assess the following  
5 issues related to implementing a vehicle-miles-traveled (VMT)  
6 fee in California:

7 (1) Different methods for calculating mileage.

8 (2) Processes for transmitting data to protect the integrity of the  
9 data and ensure drivers' privacy.

10 (3) Types of equipment that may be required of the state and of  
11 drivers in order to implement a VMT fee, including a discussion  
12 of the advantages and disadvantages of the equipment and  
13 contingencies in the event of equipment failure.

14 (b) The department shall prepare and submit a report of its  
15 findings to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the  
16 Legislature no later than June 30, 2016. The report shall include,  
17 but not be limited to, all of the following elements:

18 (1) Recommendations regarding how to best implement a VMT  
19 fee in a manner that minimizes confusion and inconvenience to  
20 California's drivers while also ensuring their privacy.

21 (2) Given the technological and institutional demands associated  
22 with implementing a VMT fee, a discussion of different processes  
23 that may be used to transition from the fuel tax to a VMT fee over  
24 time.

25 (3) A discussion of issues the Legislature may wish to consider  
26 when evaluating whether and how to implement a VMT fee.

27 (c) This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018,  
28 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
29 is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.

30 SEC. 2. Chapter 7 (commencing with former Section 3100) of  
31 Division 2 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.